

## **Public Notice**

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District Fort Norfolk, 803 Front Street Norfolk, Virginia 23510-1096

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PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT AMONG
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
NORFOLK DISTRICT REGULATORY OFFICE,
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION,
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND
VIRGINIA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NORFOLK DISTRICT CORPS OF
ENGINEERS STATE PROGRAM GENERAL PERMIT AND SECTION 106 OF THE
NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT

The Norfolk District Corps of Engineers' State Program General Permit, (07-SPGP-01) provides Corps regulatory authorization in Virginia for residential, commercial, and institutional developments impacting up to one (1) acre of nontidal wetlands and waters and up to 2,000 linear feet of streambed, and also for linear transportation projects impacting up to 1/3 acre of nontidal waters and wetlands. A Programmatic Agreement (PA) is proposed to authorize the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) to conduct the initial review of existing information on historic properties for permit applications submitted under the 07-SPGP-01.

The VDEQ has on staff a Cultural Resources Specialist (CRS) who meets the professional qualifications standards found in the "Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation" (36 C.F.R. § 61). This CRS will research the Virginia Department of Historic Resources Data Sharing System and other available information and assist the Norfolk District in compliance with the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act-while processing applications under the 07-SPGP-01. The draft Programmatic Agreement and Appendices are enclosed.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate this proposed agreement. Comments should be made in writing, addressed to the Norfolk District, Corps of Engineers (ATTN: Audrey Cotnoir), 803 Front Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23510-1096, and should be received by the close of business on August 3, 2008. If you have any questions, Ms. Cotnoir can be reached at 757-549-8819 or by email at audrey.l.cotnoir@usace.army.mil.

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